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STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST:

CHRISTINE M. SKRINSKA, RN,

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

RESPONDENT

LS0110049NUR

Division of Enforcement Case No. 01 NUR 092

The parties to this action for the purposes of section 227.53 of the Wisconsin statutes are:

Christine M. Skrinska, RN

910 Crooks Avenue

Kaukauna, WI 54130

Board of Nursing

PO Box 8935

Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing

Division of Enforcement

PO Box 8935

Madison, WI 53708-8935

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Christine M. Skrinska, RN (DOB 06-18-73), is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice as a registered nurse (license #125213). This license was first granted on February 4, 1997.
- 2. Respondent's latest address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 910 Crooks Avenue, Kaukauna, WI 54130.
- 3. On or about March 16, 2001, the Ohio Board of Nursing imposed disciplinary action against the license of Respondent. The factual basis for the imposition of discipline against Respondent in Ohio involved improper restraint of a patient (i.e., Respondent attached a patient's hair to the sheet of the patient's bed with a pair of hemostats.) A true and correct copy of the Ohio Consent Agreement is attached to this document as Exhibit A.
- 4. Respondent consents to the issuance of the following Conclusions of Law and Order in resolution of this matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction over this matter, pursuant to ch. 441.07, Stats.
- 2. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing is authorized to enter into the attached stipulation, pursuant to sec. 227.44(5), Stats.
- 3. The conduct described above constitutes a basis for discipline under § N 7.04(7), Wis. Adm. Code.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the license of Christine M. Skrinska, RN (license #125213) shall be LIMITED as follows:

Practice restrictions

- 1. Respondent has submitted an application for a Rehabilitation Review with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. If Respondent has not successfully completed the Rehabilitation Review Process by November 15, 2001, she shall refrain from employment in any Wisconsin-DHFS-licensed facility until she successfully completes the Rehabilitation Review.
- 2. Until otherwise ordered by the Board
 - a. Respondent shall practice only in settings where she works under direct supervision by another nurse or other licensed health care professional; and
 - b. Respondent shall refrain from nursing employment as visiting nurse or other home care practitioner
- 3. Respondent shall notify the Department Monitor of any change of employment during the time in which the Order is in effect. Notification shall occur within fifteen (15) days of a change of employment and shall include an explanation of the reasons for the change.
- 4. Respondent shall maintain full and complete compliance with all terms, limitations and conditions imposed against her nursing license in Ohio.

Education Requirement

5. Within one (1) year from the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall submit documentation of successful completion of a course on Patient Restraint and twenty-four (24) hours of continuing nursing education in handling difficult patients, or in other areas approved by the Board. To be acceptable, a course shall be pre-approved by a member or designated agent of the Board of Nursing. Acceptable documentation shall include certification from the sponsoring organization as well as a statement signed by Respondent verifying that she attended the course in its entirety.

Required reporting

- 6. For a period of at least one [1] year from the date of this Order, Respondent shall arrange for quarterly reports from her nursing employer(s) reporting the terms and conditions of her employment and evaluating her work performance. These reports shall be submitted to the Department Monitor in the Department of Regulation and Licensing Division of Enforcement.
- 7. Respondent shall notify the Department Monitor of any change of employment during the time in which the Order is in effect. Notification shall occur within fifteen (15) days of a change of employment and shall include an explanation of the reasons for the change.

Department Monitor

8. The Department Monitor is the individual designated by the Board as its agent to coordinate compliance with the terms of this Order, including receiving reports and coordinating all requests for approval of education or other petitions. The Department Monitor may be reached as follows:

Department Monitor

Division of Enforcement

PO Box 8935

Madison, WI 53708-8935

TEL. (608) 267-3817

FAX (608) 266-2264

Termination of restrictions

9. Upon completion of: one [1] year of complete, successful and continuous compliance with the terms of this Order that includes one [1] year of nursing employment under the terms of this Order; Respondent may petition the Board to revise or eliminate any of the above conditions. Denial in whole or in part of a petition under this paragraph shall not constitute denial of a license and shall not give rise to a contested case within the meaning of Wis. Stats. §§227.01(3) and 227.42.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION

10. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license pursuant to the procedures set forth in Wis. Admin. Code RL Ch. 6. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order.

Effective date of Order

11. This Order shall become upon the date of its signing.

BOARD OF NURSING

By: Ann Brewer 10-4-01

On behalf of the Board Date